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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for presenting a step of a task, wherein
2 the task includes a series of steps to be performed, the
3 method comprising:
4 identifying a current step within the series of
5 steps;
6 retrieving a step component for the current step;
7 and
8 presenting the current step inline within the series
9 of steps such that the step component is presented in
10 context within the series of steps.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein identifying a current
2 step within the series of steps includes receiving a
3 request from a client.
- 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the request from the
2 client identifies a user selection of the current step
3 within the series of steps.
- 1 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the request is a
2 HyperText Transfer Protocol request.
- 1 5. The method of claim 2, wherein presenting the
2 current step inline within the series of steps includes
3 generating a response page using a Java Server Page.

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- 1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein retrieving a step
2 component for the current step includes retrieving the
3 step component using a Tiles framework.
- 1 7. The method of claim 5, wherein generating a response
2 page includes building the response page using a Struts
3 framework.
- 1 8. The method of claim 5, wherein the response page
2 includes a navigation tile, wherein the navigation tile
3 presents a plurality of tasks.
- 1 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising:
2 identifying a current task within the plurality of
3 tasks;
4 retrieving a task tile for the current task; and
5 presenting the task tile as a series of steps.
- 1 10. The method of claim 5, wherein presenting the
2 current step inline within the series of steps further
3 includes sending the response page to the client.
- 1 11. An apparatus for presenting a step of a task,
2 wherein the task includes a series of steps to be
3 performed, the apparatus comprising:
4 means for identifying a current step within the
5 series of steps;
6 means for retrieving a step component for the
7 current step; and

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8 means for presenting the current step inline within
9 the series of steps such that the step component is
10 presented in context within the series of steps.

1 12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the means for
2 identifying a current step within the series of steps
3 includes means for receiving a request from a client.

1 13. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the request from
2 the client identifies a user selection of the current
3 step within the series of steps.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the request is a
2 HyperText Transfer Protocol request.

1 15. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the means for
2 presenting the current step inline within the series of
3 steps includes means for generating a response page using
4 a Java Server Page.

1 16. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the means for
2 retrieving a step component for the current step includes
3 means for retrieving the step component using a Tiles
4 framework.

1 17. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the means for
2 generating a response page includes means for building
3 the response page using a Struts framework.

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1 18. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the response page
2 includes a navigation tile, wherein the navigation tile
3 presents a plurality of tasks.

1 19. The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising:
2 means for identifying a current task within the
3 plurality of tasks;
4 means for retrieving a task tile for the current
5 task; and
6 means for presenting the task tile as a series of
7 steps.

1 20. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the means for
2 presenting the current step inline within the series of
3 steps further includes means for sending the response
4 page to the client.

1 21. A server for presenting a step of a task, wherein
2 the task includes a series of steps to be performed, the
3 method comprising:
4 a controller, wherein the controller receives a
5 request from a client, wherein the request identifies a
6 current step within the series of steps, and wherein the
7 controller retrieves a step component for the current
8 step; and
9 a Java Server Page, wherein the Java Server Page
10 builds a response page and wherein the response page
11 presents the current step inline within the series of
12 steps such that the step component is presented in
13 context within the series of steps.

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1 22. The server of claim 21, wherein the controller and
2 the Java Server Page use a Struts framework.

1 23. The server of claim 21, wherein the controller and
2 the Java Server Page use a Tiles framework.

1 24. A computer program product, in a computer readable
2 medium, for presenting a step of a task, wherein the task
3 includes a series of steps to be performed, the computer
4 program product comprising:
5 instructions for identifying a current step within
6 the series of steps;
7 instructions for retrieving a step component for the
8 current step; and
9 instructions for presenting the current step inline
10 within the series of steps such that the step component
11 is presented in context within the series of steps.